GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1688
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LOSSES IN EXPORT OF SALT TO NEPAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways incurred a loss of nearly Rs. 20 crores in the export of salt to Nepal ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the salt exported was meant for human consumption or for industrial use ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the salt meant for export has been given a lower classification rather than a higher classification ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Normally, the movement of salt for Nepal is for human consumption

(d) Salt is booked as per priority schedule issued vide General Order No. 81 and there is no separate classification of salt for human consumption meant for export.

(e) Does not arise.